

1096

First Crusade is launched  
to wrest muslims from  
holy land.

Late 1096

The crusading army of nobles  
reached Constantinople late in 1096,  
some by land, some by sea.

It was poorly organized and because  
of insufficient supplies, some who  
came by land died of starvation or  
disease on the way, or were killed  
by the inhabitants.  
The leaders were:

GODFREY of BOUILLON who commanded the  
Rhenish, RAYMOND of TOULOUSE in  
Command of the PROVENÇALS and  
BOHEMOND in command of the  
Normans from southern Italy

On their arrival at Constantinople,  
friction arose between the crusaders  
and Emperor ALEXIUS. Difficulty  
arose among the leaders of the Crusade,  
who frequently quarreled

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First Crusade. Against Seljuk  
Turks

Pope Urban II launched a  
Holy War.

A motley vanguard called the  
peasant's Crusade set out in  
spring of 1096 behind the  
firebrand preacher: Peter the  
Hermit. but met with

disaster in Turkey

other groups left in Fall  
of 1096 after the harvest.

Estimates: 4,000 - 5,000 mounted knights  
and squires  
and 30,000 foot soldiers + Counters  
civilians

many died many of the heavy horses  
died from lack of food & heat

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The rabble of Peter the Hermit  
were easily defeated by the  
Turks.

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1096-1097

First Crusade

Duke Godfrey of Bouillon (He never returned home)  
+ tens of thousands of knights  
Converged on Constantinople  
by 1097

Raymond of Toulouse  
Robert of Normandy  
Bohemond of Taranto  
Baldwin of Boulogne (1097-1098)

Duke Godfrey died in Jerusalem & was  
buried near Christ's tomb in the  
Church of the Holy Sepulchre

The Ardennes heavy horse for medieval  
warfare. Massive build  
1500 #

Godfrey of Bouillon's Castle in (now) Belgium



August 1096

### First Crusade

Was set as departure date for Crusading Army. The first Contingent was an ill-organized band under a fanatical itinerant preacher named Peter the Hermit. A second similar Contingent was led by WALTAR 'the PENNILESS'

Summer/Fall of 1096

The real military expedition of the 1st Crusade set out. Practically all its members were French. The German Henry IV had recently been excommunicated by the Pope. The expedition consisted of several separate divisions, each under a distinguished feudal leader.

They all agreed to meet at Constantinople; there was no effective unified command.

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Europeans try to recover  
Arab-conquered lands in  
the FIRST CRUSADE.

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## Crusades

### First Crusade

Bishop ADHEMAR of PUY was  
1st to take the cross at CLERMONT.  
He was Papal legate.

1096-1291

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## Crusades

Indecisive Christianity vs Islam

1099- Battling Jerusalem

1191 - Battle of Acre

1096-1099

First movement of Crusades

European Christians defeat Turks & Muslims

Enthusiasm of Peter the Hermit and  
Pope Urban II, the Christians of Europe  
decide to rescue the tomb of Christ  
from the infidels

Battle of Nicaea & Jerusalem won by Christian  
leaders: Peter the Hermit, Walter the Penniless,  
Rodfrey de Bouillon

Jerusalem was conquered and the

later Kingdom of Jerusalem was founded

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The Crusades began



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Nottingham Cathedral of Anglo -  
Norman architecture was  
begun.

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First Crusade

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France

Normandy pledged by  
ROBERT to William I of  
England for 10,000 marks

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Italy & Germany  
First Crusaders under  
Peter the Hermit and  
Walter of PEREJO, Cross Germany

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Church of St. Satornain of  
Romanesque style of architecture  
was dedicated in 1096.

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The first formal duel  
in England; between William  
count d'EU and Rodfrey  
Baynard; was in England!

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First Crusade: Franks invade  
Anatolia and Syria and found  
Crusader States

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Huesca

Ancient fortress - town at foot  
of Pyrenees held by Moors  
(8th - 11th Centuries).

1096: Spanish stormed fortress &  
captured it, making this town  
capital of Kingdom of Aragon.



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## First Crusade

Mustered 2 armies in France -  
Another in Italy and Duke Godfrey  
Assembled his forces from the  
Low Countries and Germany

Plan was to rendezvous at  
Constantinople

Many bands of ordinary folk  
set out ahead of them. This  
motley crew acted like brigands

very massacred Jews in the Rhineland

The advance guard of Peter the Hermit's band was led by only 8 knights. They averaged 18 mi/day  
Godfrey's army averaged 15 1/2 mi/day  
Godfrey at Regensburg on the banks of the Danube (and his army) traveled on VIA MILITARIS, the ancient Roman road leading to Asia Minor.

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Duke Godfrey's 1<sup>st</sup> Challenge was  
the Kingdom of Hungary ruled by  
a king named COLDMAN  
who commanded a 1<sup>st</sup>-rate  
Army

Coloman took Count Baldwin  
(Godfrey's brother) as hostage and  
he escorted the pilgrim army with  
his own Cavalry forces until they

were out of Hungary.

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### First Crusade

Alexius Comnenus, Byzantine emperor of Constantinople had sent to Duke Godfrey a welcoming letter.

It was Alexius that had set the Crusade in motion by appealing to Pope Urban II for help against the Muslim Turks.

Emperor Alexius, fearing the 4  
Crusading Armies would sack his  
capital, hustled them across the  
Bosphorus And into Asia Minor.  
C Dec 1096 or Jan 1097

1096, Oct  
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### 1<sup>st</sup> Crusade

Two months before Godfrey  
arrived in Constantinople,  
the Seljuk Turks in Asia  
had ambushed and annihilated  
Peter the Hermit's followers.

Peter escaped.

Oct 1096 - Ambushed and  
butchered.

"gazing within the tents, they

destroyed with the sword, whomever  
they found, the weak and feeble, clerics,  
nuns, old women, nursing children,  
persons of every age.



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Early in 1096 a mass movement  
of unorganized bands of peasants  
& others, stirred by preaching  
of PETEL, the HERMIT, set out  
for the Holy Land by way of  
Hungary and Constantinople.  
Many were killed by the  
inhabitants of the countries through  
which they passed, who

resented their plundering and those  
who lived to cross over into Asia  
were slaughtered by the Turks

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France

Many French noblemen take  
part in the FIRST Crusade

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the First Crusade

Army of Pilgrims across Europe in  
1096. Ambushed by Turks near  
Boynus, the army was destroyed.  
Peter himself escaped and  
accompanied the Crusaders to  
Jerusalem.

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1st Crusade

Political leaders included Pope  
Urban II.

- a) Godfrey of Bouillon, Duke of Lower  
Lotharing; was a descendant of Charlemagne.  
Rich, bold, brave, he had great prestige  
among the Crusaders, but his younger  
brother BALDWIN, who accompanied him,  
proved a more effective military leader.  
b) HUGO, Count of VERMANDOIS, younger  
son of King Henry I of France, was the

1st Western Prince to reach Constantinople.  
A storm caught his fleet and cast  
him ashore, barely alive & half naked.  
Emperor's men found him, clothed him  
and escorted him in state to Constantinople.  
Raymond of Toulouse, also known  
as Count of Baint-Gilles, accompanied  
Bishop Adhemar of Le Puy. Ruler of  
richest area in France, Raymond  
had better relations with Emperor's  
Court of any Western leader.

D) Robert, Duke of Normandy, 1st son of William the Conqueror, led  
the Normans of Northern France,  
with his cousin Robert F, Count of  
Flanders, and his brother-in-law  
Stephen of Blois.

E) Bohemond of Taranto, led the  
Normans of southern Italy. He had  
ambitions of founding a state of  
his own in the East. His nephew  
TANCRRED had similar aims.

F) Peter the Hermit  
had brought a disorganized

1096  $\Rightarrow$  1271

The eight (8) Christian crusades against Islam involved knights from England, France, Germany & Italy. A system of military recognition was essential.

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Crusaders Assemble at  
Constantinople (Dec.)



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## FIRST CRUSADE

About 500,000 peasants led by Peter the Hermit prove so troublesome that Byzantine Emperor ALEXUS shipped them to Asia Minor.

Only 25,000 survived after massacre by Seljuk Turks.

1096 - 1097

Count Godfrey of Bouillon in Belgium  
went on the First Crusade

To Worms ; To Ratibon ; To Vienna ;  
To Belgrade ; To Sofia ; To Constantinople

Raymond of Toulouse

TO KAISER

Robert of Normandy

TO DAMASCUS

Bohemond of Taranto

TO JERUSALEM

Baldwin of Boulogne

Main body of Crusaders went to Rome

Duke Godfrey died in Jerusalem  
Godfrey army averaged  $15\frac{1}{2}$  miles  
per day.

Across Anatolia south of NICAEA  
the Turks wasted their land, so that  
in the heat of summer they suffered  
greatly from hunger and thirst.  
They lost most of their horses.  
They laid siege to Antioch and  
were trapped inside - nearly perished.

1096 October

Peter the Hermit's peasant army was ambushed and butchered - (South of Istanbul and the Sea of Marmara).

Turks followed the panic-stricken peasants back to their camp, where, "going within the tents they destroyed with the sword whomever they found, the weak and feeble, clerics, monks

old women, nursing children,  
persons of every age.

Peter himself escaped the  
slaughter.

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Start of First Crusade.

Dozens of aristocrats answered  
Pope Urban II's call.

The plan was to rendezvous at  
Constantinople